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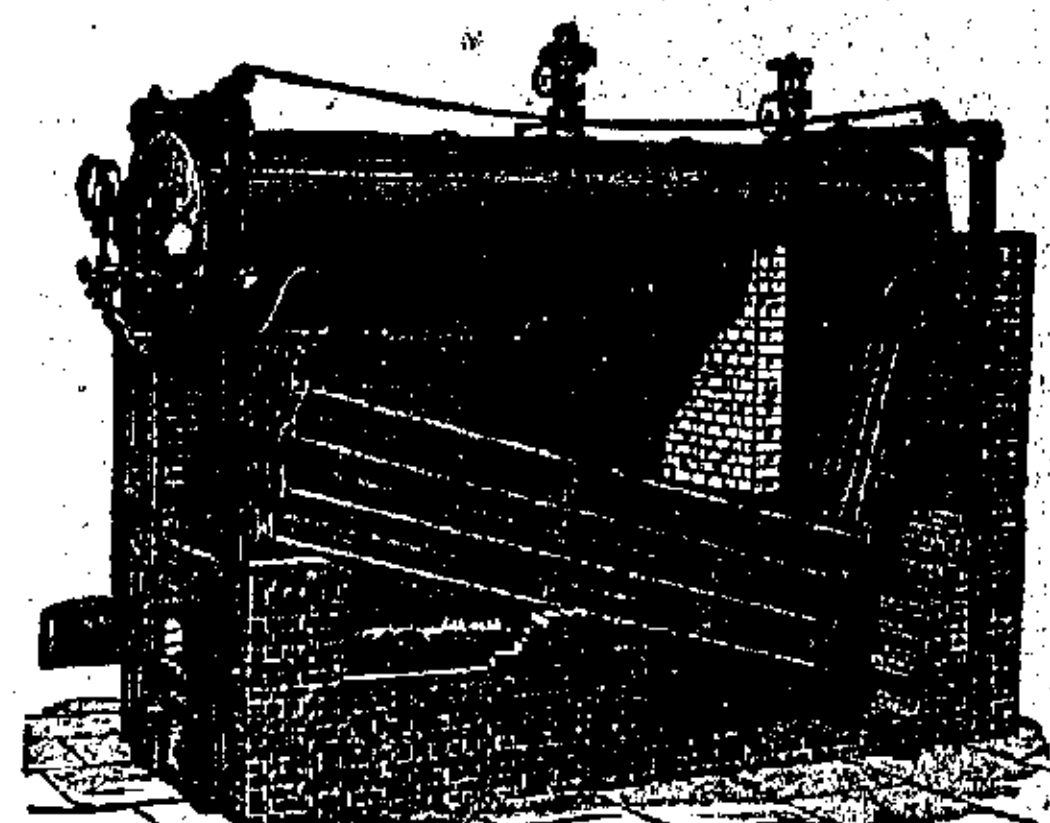
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curement, has been revoked hereby.
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ERAL MEETING of the SHARE-
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THURSDAY, the 28th day of December,
1899, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving
the Report of the General Managers, to-
gether with a Statement of Accounts for
the year ending 30th November, 1899.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
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28th Instant, both days inclusive.
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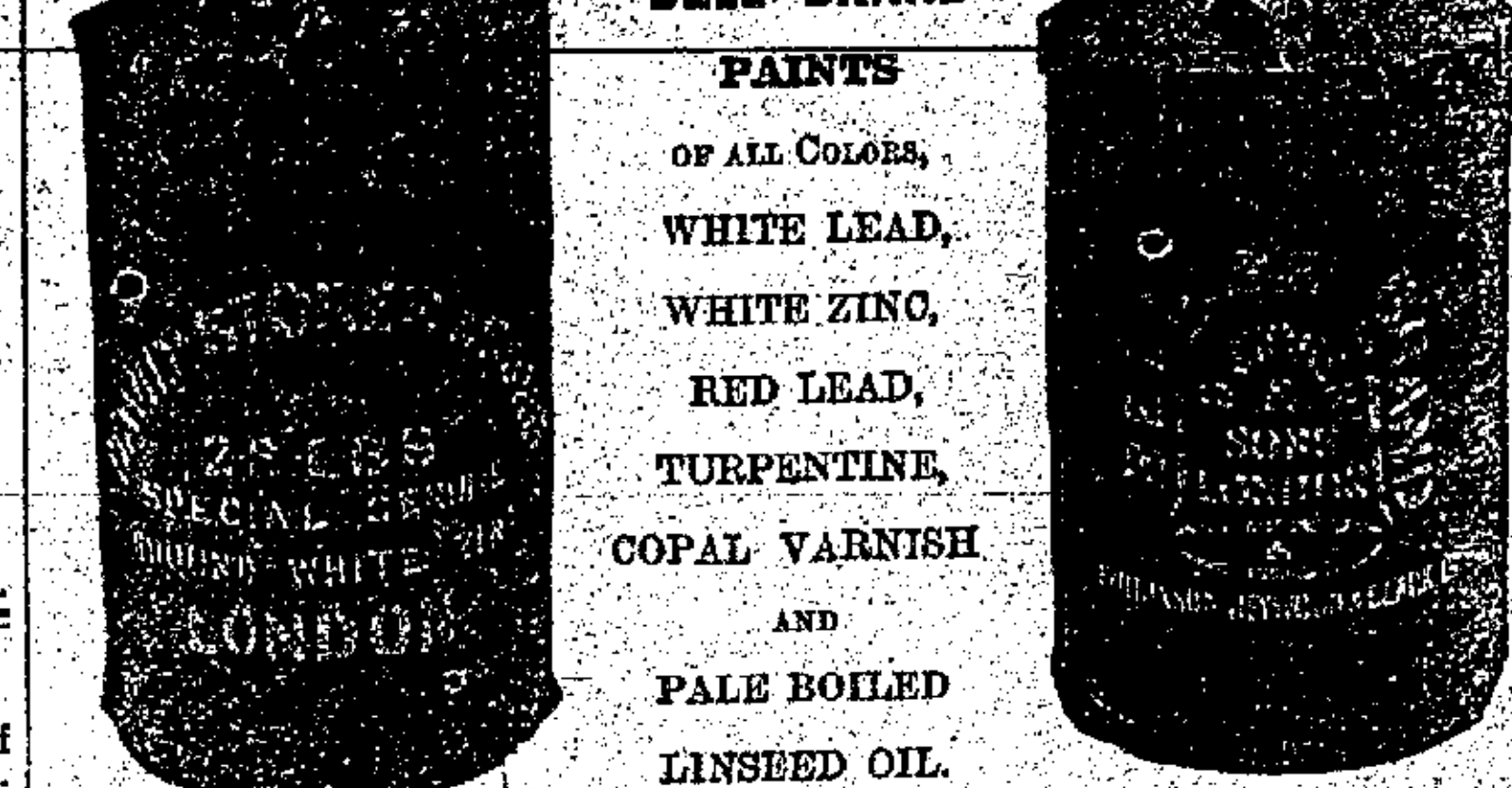
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DODWELL & Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hongkong, December 16, 1899. 2720

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No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the arrival here, after which no claims will be recognised.

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, December 15, 1899. 2708

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE *N. D. S. s. Wilhelms*, Captain MASON, having arrived in the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from along-side.

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A FORMIDABLE REBELLION IN CENTRAL CHINA.

News has arrived from Changsha that the insurrection in Hubei district, note of which was made in these columns lately, is spreading rapidly, and that a large body of insurgents have already entered

Pinghsinghsien, Kiangsi, which district is on the frontier, touching the Hunan border.

Brilliantly the authorities of Kiangsi consider this invasion of their province a serious one, for as soon as the district magistrate of Pinghsinghsien telegraphed the tidings, Governor Sun of that province at once, sent the Kiang Brigade of disciplined troops, garrisoning the provincial capital of Nanchang, to the scene of threatened disturbance, a wire being also sent to Governor Yu, at Changsha, to dispatch a corresponding brigade to the Hunan-Kiangsi border, in order, if possible, to take the rebels in front and rear.

Altogether there will be nearly 6,000 men engaged in putting the insurrection down in that part of the country, not counting Kiangsi troops sent to help the Hunan troops in crushing the rebels at Hengyang on the Hunan-Kiangsi border.

The insurgents, on the other hand, are said to be well armed and well provided with food and ammunition. They are mostly Hunan veterans, belonging to the Kiang Hui society, and have been considerable service throughout the country in their day.

It is not surprising, therefore, to learn that both order and discipline are observed in the insurgent army and that being led by old and experienced officers, mostly of the Hunan-Kiangsi border, they have received from the Government the magnitude of the Government, the insurgents have succeeded in driving away all opposition, so far. As a matter of fact the insurrection is considered to be a sort of protest of old soldiers at the Government, which uses them when there is danger, and dismisses them without any other provision when the danger is past. It is on this account that the authorities of Hunan, Kiangsi and Kiangsi are trying to bring a large army to the field against the insurgents, and that they consider the situation critical enough to send appeals also to the Viceroy of the Hubei and Kiangsi provinces for aid.

Pinghsinghsien will be remembered as the place where H. H. Sheng was shot and killed, and a revolt, a revolt concerning which the Throne by Viceroy Chang Chih-tung was translated in these columns a short while ago. —N. C. Daily News.

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